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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, EFIN, CS, BF
SUBJECT: VESCO CASE

1. MAR. 28 WASH POST RAN ARTICLE BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT MARLISE SIMONS WHICH ALLEGED THAT SHE AND BRITISH JOURNALIST ALAN RIDING OF THE ECONOMIST " WERE PICKED UP ON THE STREET WHILE PHOTOGRAPHING THE HOUSE VESCO HAS REPORTEDLY RENTED." ARTICLE QUOTES CIVIL GUARD AS SAYING THERE HAD BEEN " A GREAT DEAL OF SUBVERSIVE PEOPLE AROUND HERE AND IT IS COMPLETELY FORBIDDEN TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS." THE ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT " THE CIVIL GUARD DENIED THAT THE TWO REPORTERS HAD BEEN UNDER ARREST, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THEIR ROOM IN THE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY AGENCY OR TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALLS." " THEY WERE RELEASED AFTER THEY HAD ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES."

2. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE GIVES BACKGROUND OF VESCO CASE INCLUDING POLITICAL OPPOSITION CHARGES OF INVOLVEMENT OF HIGH GOCR OFFICIALS. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS VESCO' S FAILURE TO APPEAR BEFORE COSTA RICAN CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMISSION ON MARCH 21.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER DETAILS READILY AVAILABLE CONCERNING INCIDENT REPORTED ABOVE (ARTICLE BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY.) ROGERS

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